



# Clark County Department of Building & Fire Prevention

## Building Division – Inspection Services

### Field Inspection Guideline

<b>SUBJECT:</b> Disaster Assessment Reports and Follow-Up Inspections			<b>FIG-B-004</b>
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**Interpretation:** The administrative code section 22.02.165 requires permits for all repairs unless otherwise exempted by Clark County Building Administrative Code (CCBAC) 22.02.190. Repair of damage caused by fire, water, vehicles or other causes are not exempt from permit requirements. The Disaster Assessment Report is used to define the scope of the repair permit.

**Field Application:** To increase the effectiveness of disaster assessment reports and field inspections, the following items will be part of the report or inspection:

**Report Information:**

- On the left hand side of the folder, maintain a running history of all actions or attempts to act, such as: *called contact number, left message.*
- On the history sheet, attach the business card of the contractor doing repairs (if known) for ease in following up in the future.
- When filling out the form, be as descriptive as possible, such as: *kitchen fire, or, 2 trusses damaged*
- For apartment fires where the damage is significantly different in each apartment, fill out a separate report for each unit.
- In “comments” section, note required permits needed and code items that need to be brought up to current standards.
- State when engineering and or plans will be required.

**Code items that may be required brought up to current standards:**

- **Smoke detectors.** Residential smoke detectors shall be updated to the current code requirement of amended section R314. There is no requirement for upgrade to smoke detectors in R-1 or R-2 occupancies.
- **Carbon monoxide detectors.** A carbon monoxide detector shall be required in the area adjacent to bedrooms per 2009 amendment section R314. There is no requirement for upgrade to carbon monoxide detectors in R-1 or R-2 occupancies.
- **GFCI protection of kitchen and bathroom circuits.** When damage affects either the kitchen or bath or both, the circuits will be brought up to Code with GFCI protection.

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- **Arc-Fault protection.** Arc-fault protection will not be required to be installed into existing panels. If the whole service is being replaced, then it will be required as part of the new wiring of the building.
- **Carbon monoxide alarms.** Where work requiring a permit occurs in existing dwellings that have attached garages or in existing dwellings within which fuel-fired appliances exist, carbon monoxide alarms shall be provided
- **Fire blocking.** Fire blocking at top plates, drop ceiling lines and every 10 feet horizontally is required in exposed framing areas being repaired.
- **Fire stopping.** Fire stopping at floor ceiling assemblies and rated walls will be required in exposed framing areas being repaired.
- **Rated assemblies.** Identify all rated walls and floor assemblies that need to comply with current code.
- **Window sill height (new requirement 1976).** Existing windows not being replaced are not required to be modified or changed to bring into compliance with 44 inch maximum sill height.
- **Plumbing fixtures.** If fixtures are not damaged with the building, no plumbing permit is required. If items are being changed out as part of a general upgrading of the facility, no permit is required. Permit and inspections are required when the piping and fixtures are damaged as a result of the incident.
- **Water Heaters.** Only new water heaters require a permit and seismic support.
- **Energy Code Requirements.** There is no requirement to bring existing windows, insulation, and sealing of penetrations up to current energy code requirements.

**Inspections:**

- Inspections will be to the disaster assessment report on site and to any approved plans and engineering that was required.
- Any work being done beyond the general scope of the disaster report requires a separate permit.

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